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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE  
COATING OF SUBSTRATES FOR  
PHARMACEUTICAL USE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claim 3, line 1, delete, "or claim 2".

Claim 5, line 1, change, "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change, "any preceding claim" to --claim 1--.